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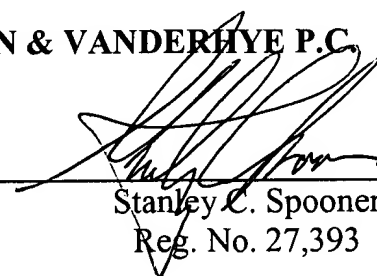
SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant has not received a reply to the Status Inquiry filed January 5, 2006. As noted therein, the application should be in condition for allowance in view of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision dated *September 30, 2004* and the Amendment filed *February 25, 2005*. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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